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State focuses on adolescent literacy

Panel to study needs in Idaho, recommend action plan

More than 100 teachers, administrators, policy and lawmakers met in Boise May 11 for the state's first Adolescent Literacy Summit.

The Idaho Adolescent Literacy Summit was the first step in the development of a plan to address improving the literacy skills of students in grades four and higher.

Several national speakers addressed the summit including:

* Dr. Kylene Beers, senior reading researcher and codirector of the adolescent literacy initiative in the Corner School Development Program at Yale University;

* Angelee Eames, a national reading consultant; and

* Dr. Katherine Mitchell, director of the Alabama Reading and Reading First Initiatives.

The intent of the summit is to develop a common understanding of the literacy needs of Idaho students and the current research on adolescent literacy. During the next few months, an Idaho Literacy Advisory Panel will begin development of a statewide K-12 literacy plan.

Idaho currently has a literacy plan for primary grades that guided the development and implementation of the Idaho Reading Initiative. The 6-year-old initiative includes twice yearly testing of all students in grades K-3, extra assistance for below-gradelevel students, and training for teachers and administrators.

The day after the summit, the Idaho Literacy Advisory Panel met for the first time to begin work on a state plan.

The group discussed the research and information from the summit and talked about what other states have done with adolescent literacy.

The group will meet again in Boise on Aug. 23-24.

The summit and the literacy advisory panel's work is funded by a National Governors' Association grant and was sponsored by the Office of the Governor and the State Department of Education.

More information

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard quizzed the audience at the Idaho Adolescent Literacy Summit held in May.



More than 100 educators from across Idaho met to learn about the latest research on improving adolescent literacy.



Dr. Kylene Beers, senior reading researcher and co-director of the adolescent literacy initiative in the Corner School Development Program at Yale University, was one of the speakers at the Idaho Adolescent Literacy Summit.

Idaho Literacy Advisory Panel

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Schools not making IRI goals Spring 2006

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Editor's note: Idaho law requires the State Department of Education to publish the list of schools not making legislative goals in its newsletter. Below and on Page 3 is the list of schools.

2006 Spring IRI Schools that missed the Kindergarten goal 60% at grade level, or 5% growth

*9 Schools missed the target. 3 Schools were omitted from this list because fewer than 10 students were reported.

District Code School Name

BASIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 84 SAGLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 241 GRANGEVILLE ELEM-JR HIGH SCH PARIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 33 VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 101 KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2006 Spring IRI

Schools that missed the First Grade goal 70% at grade level, or 5% growth

*109 Schools missed the target. 14 Schools were omitted from this list because fewer than 10 students were reported.

District Code School Name

A H BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

58 ABERDEEN ELEMENTARY

ACEQUIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 331

1 ANSER CHARTER SCHOOL

61 BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

139 **BIRCH ELEMENTARY**

55 BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY LEARNING

BLISS SCHOOL 234

271 BORAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

365 BRUNEAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

271 BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

321 BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

121 CAMAS COUNTY ELEM-JR HIGH SCH

340 CAMELOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

61 CAREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

215 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

181 CHALLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 25

CLAUDE A WILCOX ELEM SCHOOL

1 COLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 EAGLE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

139 EAST CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

91 **EDGEMONT GARDENS ELEMENTARY**

93 FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

93 FALLS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

55 FORT HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

91 FOXHOLLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

373 FRUITLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GARDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY 71

1 GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GLENNS FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 192

365 GRAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GREENHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 131

55 GROVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HAILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 61

274 HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

251 HARWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 91

331 HEYBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

305 HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1

133 HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 370

HORSESHOE BEND ELEMENTARY 73

3 HUBBARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 **HUNTER ELEMENTARY**

131 IDAHO ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL

IDAHO DISTANCE EDUCATION ACAD 288

1 JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 283 JULIAETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

304 KAMIAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KOOTENAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 131

91 LINDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 LINDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

91 LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

363 MARSING PRIMARY SCHOOL

137 MAXINE JOHNSON ELEMENTARY

MC MILLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

134 MIDDLETON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY

101 MOUNT HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCH 1

149 NORTH GEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

340 ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

131 PARKRIDGE ELEMENTARY

371 PAYETTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PIERCE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1

25 POCATELLO COMMUNITY CHARTER

POPPLEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 412

285 POTLATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

83 PRIEST RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

316 RICHFIELD SCHOOL

1 RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

382 ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

25 RULON M ELLIS ELEM SCHOOL

RUPERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 331

132 SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SAGLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

291 SALMON PIONEER PRIMARY SCHOOL

411 SAWTOOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

221 SHADOW BUTTE ELEMENTARY SCH

SHERMAN ELEMENTARY 131

SHOSHONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

391 SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

253 TERRETON ELEM-JR HIGH SCHOOL

91 THERESA BUNKER ELEMENTARY

93 TIEBREAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 287 TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

25 TYHEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

93 UCON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 101

WENDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 232 WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT ELEMENTARY

2006 Spring IRI

Schools that missed the Second Grade goal 80% at grade level or 5% growth

83 Schools missed the goal. 15 schools were omitted from this list because less than 10 students were reported.

District Code School Name

AMMON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ANSER CHARTER SCHOOL

ASHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 215

272 ATHOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 CECIL D ANDRUS ELEMENTARY CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

131 CENTRAL CANYON ELEMENTARY SCH 139

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 215

322 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY

2 CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 CHRISTINE DONNELL SCH OF ART

CHUBBUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 25

COLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1

COUNCIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 13

271 DALTON GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCH

2 EAGLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

139 EAST CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

93 FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 93 FALLS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FORT HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 55

Schools not making IRI goals Spring 2006

1	FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	91	ETHEL BOYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
192	GLENNS FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	101	EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
148	GRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	93	FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
241	GRANGEVILLE ELEM-JR HIGH SCH	2	FRONTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
25	GREENACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	25	GATE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
131	GREENHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	148	GRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
202	HAROLD B LEE ELEMENTARY SCH	241	GRANGEVILLE ELEM-JR HIGH SCH
411	HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	415	HANSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
271	HAYDEN MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCH	1	HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
321	HIBBARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	271	HAYDEN MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCH
93	HILLVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	321	HIBBARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
133	HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1	HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
131	IDAHO ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL	93	HILLVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
288	IDAHO DISTANCE EDUCATION ACAD	133	HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
452	IDAHO VIRTUAL ACADEMY	2	HUNTER ELEMENTARY
25	INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	_ 131	IDAHO ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL
44	LAKESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	288	IDAHO DISTANCE EDUCATION ACAD
341	LAPWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	452	IDAHO VIRTUAL ACADEMY
2	MC MILLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3	INDIAN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
136	MELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	25	INDIAN HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
134	MIDDLETON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY	21	INKOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
340	ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	392	JOHN MULLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
171	OROFINO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2	JOPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
131	PARKRIDGE ELEMENTARY	283	JULIAETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2	PEREGRINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	84	KOOTENAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2	PONDEROSA ELEMENTARY	44	LAKESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
285	POTLATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	458	LIBERTY CHARTER SCHOOL
83	PRIEST RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	321	LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
131	REGAN ELEMENTARY	411	LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
316	RICHFIELD SCHOOL	91	LINDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
252	RIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	91	LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
251	ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2	MARY MC PHERSON ELEMENTARY
3	ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	136	MELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
331	RUPERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	411	MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2	SILVER SAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	281	MOSCOW CHARTER SCHOOL
2	SPALDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	21	MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCH
131	SUNNY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	193	MTN HOME AFB PRIMARY SCHOOL
25	TENDOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	372	NEW PLYMOUTH ELEMENTARY
253	TERRETON ELEM-JR HIGH SCHOOL	84	NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
215	TETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1	OWYHEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
91	THERESA BUNKER ELEMENTARY	33	PARIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
321	UNION-LYMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	215	PARKER-EGIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
41	UPRIVER ELEM-JR HIGH SCHOOL	371	PAYETTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
262	VALLEY SCHOOL	2	PEPPERRIDGE ELEMENTARY
25	WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2	PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
171	WEIPPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	431	PIONEER PRIMARY SCHOOL
93	WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL	2	PONDEROSA ELEMENTARY
	WHITE I INCE OF IT WELL COLLEGE	285	POTLATCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2006 Spring IRI		2	RIVER VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCH
Schools that missed the Third Grade goal		1	RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
_		1	ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
03%	at grade level or 5% growth	131	ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
*404		3	ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

104 schools missed the target. 17 schools were omitted from this list because fewer than 10 students were reported.

District Code School Name

A.B. MC DONALD ELEMENTARY SCH 58 ABERDEEN ELEMENTARY 1 ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1 ANSER CHARTER SCHOOL 215 ASHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 72 BASIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 61 BELLEVUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMAS COUNTY ELEM-JR HIGH SCH 121 432 CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2 CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY

2 CHRISTINE DONNELL SCH OF ART 25 CHUBBUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

241 CLEARWATER VALLEY ELEMENTARY

93 CLOVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EAST CANYON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 139

193 EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 91 **EDGEMONT GARDENS ELEMENTARY**

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VICTORY CHARTER SCHOOL

WAPELLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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2006 Idaho Teacher of the Year Mick Sharkey, right, met President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush at the White House this spring. Applications for the 2007 Teacher of the Year award is due to the State Department of Education Friday, Sept. 22. More information is available at: http://www.sde.state.id.us/dept/docs/TeacheroftheyearA.htm or by contacting Rachel Tutko at 1 (208) 332-6812.

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Spring 2006 IRI shows gains

The reading skills of Idaho's voungest students continue to improve according to results from the Idaho Reading Indicator released in June by the State Department of Education.

"We are proud of the continuous improvement we've seen during the past six years," said Dr. Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction. "The credit belongs to the dedicated teachers and administrators in our state's elementary schools.'

The improved performance and six years of gains, however, was not enough to allow the state and all elementary schools to meet every legislatively mandated goal for student performance this year.

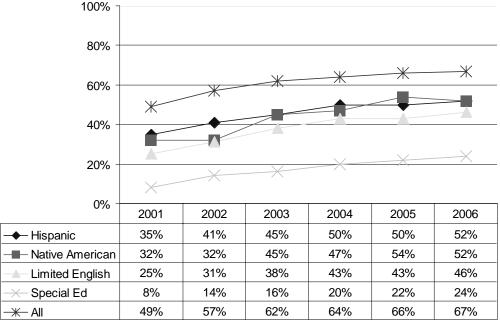
"While we are pleased to see many schools reach the legislature's challenging goals," Dr. Howard said. "The work of those schools missing goals should not be diminished, because we set a very high standard for grade level performance."

Dr. Howard noted that the 10minute IRI was one indicator of the reading skills of Idaho students. Other lengthier tests, including the ISAT and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), show higher levels of achievement by students. The 2005 Spring ISAT for third graders showed 84 percent of students were proficient and advanced. On the NAEP, Idaho was tied with Massachusetts and Texas for the strongest gains in fourth-grade reading proficiency among the states.

"These results seen together show that identifying students early and providing them extra assistance makes a difference," Dr. Howard said.

Students in kindergarten through third grade took the Spring Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) this past April and May. The spring IRI is one of three progressively more difficult reading tests given each year to students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades as part of a state reading initiative launched in 1999-2000 school year.

Third Grade % At Grade Level By Major Group 2001-2006



The spring 2006 results show that more students reached the highest standard - at grade level - on the IRI than the previous five years. Data show the percentage of students at grade level has increased across the four grade levels tested since 2001. Increases include 25 percent in kindergarten, 20 percent in first grade, 19 percent in second grade, and 18 percent in third grade.

In addition to continuous overall gains, Idaho has seen gains for most groups during the past six years. In some cases, the gap between groups is narrowing and in others, groups have kept pace with overall growth.

In addition to releasing spring scores, the department also published a legislatively mandated list of schools that did not meet state reading goals for kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. The list is available on department's website, www.sde.state.id.us/dept.

In 2001, the Legislature set reading targets for schools to meet starting in the spring of 2004 and ending in spring 2006.

Statewide the goals for kindergarten and first grade were met, but the goals for second and third grade were not met. State law requires that department iden-

tify schools missing grade-level goals. Of the state's 363 schools that gave the IRI: 9 schools missed the kindergarten goal

of 60% at grade level or 5% growth from fall to spring

109 schools missed the first grade goal of 70% at grade level, or 5% growth from fall to spring

83 schools missed the second grade goal of 80% at grade level or 5% growth from fall to spring

104 schools missed the third grade goal of 85% at grade level or 5% growth from fall to spring

49 of the schools that did not meet the goals cannot be publicly listed because they have less than 10 students in kindergarten, first, second or third grades. Instead, those schools will be responsible for directly notifying parents that state goals were missed.